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CONTEXT BARRIER ON A SMALL FOOTPRINT DEVICE  
USING AN ENTRY POINT OBJECT  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Each item of information listed in the attached FORM PTO-1449, for which a  
copy of each is attached, may be material to the examination of the above-identified  
application and is, therefore, submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined  
in 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The Examiner is requested to make these items of  
official record in this application.

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This Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that any one or more of these items constitutes prior art.

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This information disclosure statement is filed pursuant to:

( ) 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

This information disclosure statement is filed within one of the following time periods:

- (1) Within three months of the filing date of a national application;
- (2) Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application;
- (3) Before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits; or
- (4) Before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires no fee and no certification.

(X) 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

This information disclosure statement is filed after the periods permitted in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b), but before the mailing date of either:

- (1) A final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; or
- (2) A notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires either the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c) (\$180); or a certification according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e) (See Below).

( ) 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d).

This information disclosure statement is filed after the periods permitted in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 (b) and (c), but on or before payment of the issue fee.

Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires:

- (1) a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (See Below);
- (2) a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement; and
- (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) (\$130.00).

If this statement crosses in the mail with an office action, or is otherwise not in the indicated category of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, it is respectfully requested that this statement be treated in the next appropriate category and made of record. To the extent required,

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- ( ) No fee is due.
- (X) The fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) is enclosed (\$180.00).

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment to our deposit account number 50-1698. An additional copy of this page is enclosed.

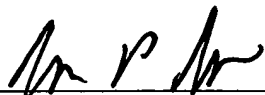
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) , I certify:

- ( X ) No certification is necessary.
- ( ) (1) Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.
- ( ) (2) No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Respectfully submitted,  
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